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Response to Official Action

In response to the Final Official Action of November 4, 2004, Applicants herewith present its amendment. Please amend the specification and claims as detailed below. Applicants believe that entry of this Response is proper as it places the application in condition for allowance and makes no substantive amendments to the claims. Amendments to the claims are to correct formal errors. Applicants do not believe any fee is owed. However, in the event there is an outstanding fee, Applicants authorize the Examiner to charge account number 19-4516.

<u>Mailing Certificate</u>: I hereby certify that this correspondence is today being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as *First Class Mail* in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks; Post Office Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

January <u>25</u>, 2005

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